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## **BLM GRAND JUNCTION NEWS**

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### **BLM seeks comments on natural gas development proposal near DeBeque**

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments on a natural gas exploratory proposal near DeBeque, Colorado.

Black Hills Plateau Production, LLC is proposing to drill up to 24 wells from 12 well pads over three years beginning in October 2012.

About three miles of new and upgraded roads and 14.5 miles of co-located natural gas, water supply, and produced water pipelines would be constructed. Black Hills also proposes to construct 19 miles of freshwater pipeline and six centralized facilities for compression, freshwater storage, produced water storage and treatment, and produced water disposal.

The proposal area covers 33,000 acres in Mesa and Garfield counties. Black Hills currently operates approximately 75 wells in this area, some of which date back to 1978.

Before BLM begins its Environmental Assessment of this proposal, it wants to hear any concerns or comments from the public. The Environmental Assessment will also be made available for public review and comment once it is drafted.

Written comments will be most helpful if received by February 13, 2012 and should be sent to the Grand Junction Field Office at 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Comments may also be submitted via email at [gjfo\\_webmail@blm.gov](mailto:gjfo_webmail@blm.gov).

Copies of Black Hills' Exploratory Proposal are available for review at the BLM Grand Junction Field Office. Digital copies of Black Hills' proposal and a project map are available at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo.html>. For more information, contact Julia Christiansen at 970-244-3093.

This proposal replaces a much larger development proposal submitted by Black Hills in 2009 for this general area. Because Black Hills has withdrawn the earlier proposal, the public comments BLM received on that proposal do not apply to this new proposal.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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